

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Kindly delete Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11.

Kindly amend Claims 2, 4, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 19 as set out below.

What is claimed is:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ An improved action in a firearm of Claim 1, wherein ~~said biasing means comprises~~ having a grip, a receiver, a forwardly extending barrel and a trigger, the improvement comprising:

(a) a firing pin;

(b) means for motivating said firing pin from a cocked position to an uncocked position;

(c) an igniter;

(d) means for biasing said igniter away from said firing pin comprising:

(i) a spool having a shaft provided with a top and a bottom, wherein said top is provided with a first opening, wherein said bottom is provided with a second opening, wherein said second opening is larger than said first opening;

(ii) a spring coupled to said bottom of said spool, and

(e) means for moving said igniter against said biasing means into a firing position in which said igniter is in contact with said firing pin when said firing pin is in said uncocked position.

3. (Original) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 2, further comprising a first flange coupled to said top of said spool and a second flange coupled to said bottom of said spool, further comprising means for preventing passage of said first flange and said second flange past a predetermined point.

4. (Currently amended) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 2, wherein said igniter ~~comprises~~ further comprising a resilient jacket provided around a primer ~~said igniter~~.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ An improved action in a firearm of Claim ~~7~~, wherein ~~said biasing means comprises~~ comprising:

(a) a firing pin;

(b) means for motivating said firing pin from a cocked position to an uncocked position;

(c) an igniter;

(d) means for biasing said igniter away from said firing pin, and wherein said biasing means comprises:

(a)(i) a spool having a shaft provided with a top and a bottom, wherein said top is provided with a first opening, wherein said bottom is provided with a second opening, wherein said second opening is larger than said first opening; and

(b)(ii) a spring coupled to said bottom of said spool.

(e) means for moving said igniter against said biasing means into a firing position in which said igniter is in contact with said firing pin when said firing pin is in said uncocked position.

9. (Original) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 8, further comprising a first flange coupled to said top of said spool and a second flange coupled to said bottom of said spool,

further comprising means for preventing passage of said first flange and said second flange past a predetermined point.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) An improved firearm comprising:

- (a) a grip;
- (b) a receiver;
- (c) a forwardly extending barrel;
- (d) a trigger;
- (e) a breech plug;
- (f) a pivotable carriage having a housing with a back;
- (g) a spring provided between said carriage and said breech plug;
- (h) ~~means a spacer~~ provided between said spring and said breech plug ~~for receiving an igniter~~;
- (i) a firing pin; and
- (j) means for moving said firing pin through said pivotable carriage.

13. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 12, wherein said ~~receiving means~~spacer comprises:

- (a) a spool having a shaft provided with a top and a bottom, wherein said top is provided with a first opening, wherein said bottom is provided with a second opening, wherein said second opening is larger than said first opening; and
- (b) ~~a wherein said~~ spring is coupled to said bottom of said spool.

14. (Original) The improved firearm of Claim 13, further comprising a first flange coupled to said top of said spool and a second flange coupled to said bottom of said spool, further comprising means for preventing passage of said first flange and said second flange past a predetermined point.

15. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 12, ~~wherein said igniter comprises~~further comprising a resilient jacket provided around a primer an igniter and between said spacer and said breech plug.

16. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 12, ~~further comprising an wherein said igniter~~ provided between said receiving means and said breech plug.

17. (Currently amended) The improved firearm of Claim 16, further comprising means for pivoting said carriage ~~enough to force said igniter against said breech plug sufficiently to motivate said receiving means toward said back against a bias of said springs~~sufficiently to compress said spring.

18. (Original) The improved firearm of Claim 12, further comprising a hammer secured to said firing pin.

19. (Currently amended) An improved action in a firearm having a grip, a receiver, a forwardly extending barrel and a trigger, the improvement comprising:

- (a) a frame;
- (b) a hammer pivotably coupled to said frame;
- (c) a carriage;
- (d) a breech plug;
- (e) a spring provided on said carriage;
- (f) ~~means a~~ spacer coupled to said spring ~~for receiving an igniter;~~ and

(g) means coupled to said spring for compressing said spring a predetermined distance ~~only when said carriage is fully rotated with an igniter provided in contact with said breech plug into a firing position.~~

20. Original) The improved action in a firearm of Claim 19, further comprising means provided over said breech plug for directing primer shrapnel downward.